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SONIC THE HEDGEHOG

Sonic's the *fastest* thing on planet Mobius, and leads a gang of Freedom Fighters. There's nothing he loves more than danger and excitement – and there's always plenty of both when he's battling the evil Dr Robotnik!

AMY ROSE

Amy the Hedgehog is one of the courageous Freedom Fighters who protect planet Mobius. As clever as she is brave, Amy is a crack shot with her trusty crossbow!

KNUCKLES

Knuckles is the last of an ancient race of Echidnas (spiny anteaters) who created the Floating Island centuries ago. Knuckles safeguards the Chaos Emeralds which keep the Floating Island aloft!

TAILS

Miles "Tails" Prower is a Fox with a difference – by spinning his two tails, he can fly! Tails has an innocent and optimistic view of life.

TEKNO

Tekno the Canary is a scientific genius. Her high-tech devices have saved Sonic on more than one occasion!

Villains

DR ROBOTNIK

Once a kindly scientist, Dr Kintobor was transformed into the evil Dr Robotnik when an experiment went horribly wrong. Now, Dr Robotnik is power-mad, and will stop at nothing to seize total control of the planet!

GRIMER WORMTONGUE

Robotnik's cowardly sidekick Grimer is a slimy weakling who only cares about one thing – saving his own skin!

CHAOS

Chaos is a creature made of pure Chaos Energy. It was created by Dr Robotnik, but he couldn't control it, and now it has escaped! Chaos seeks the Chaos Emeralds, an energy source which could make it a thousand times more powerful...

DOWNTOWN METROPOLIS CITY.
RELAX, WILL YOU? I TOLD YOU, I FEEL FINE!
WHAT PRICE VICTORY?
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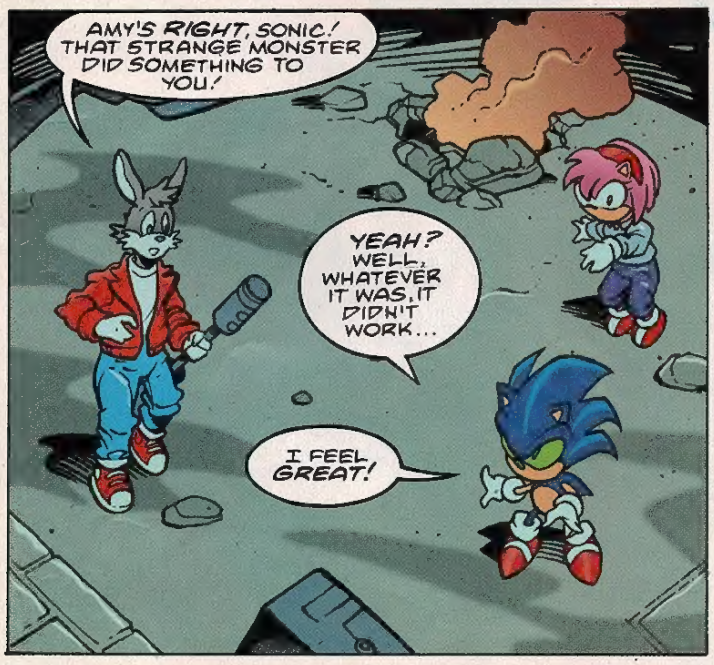

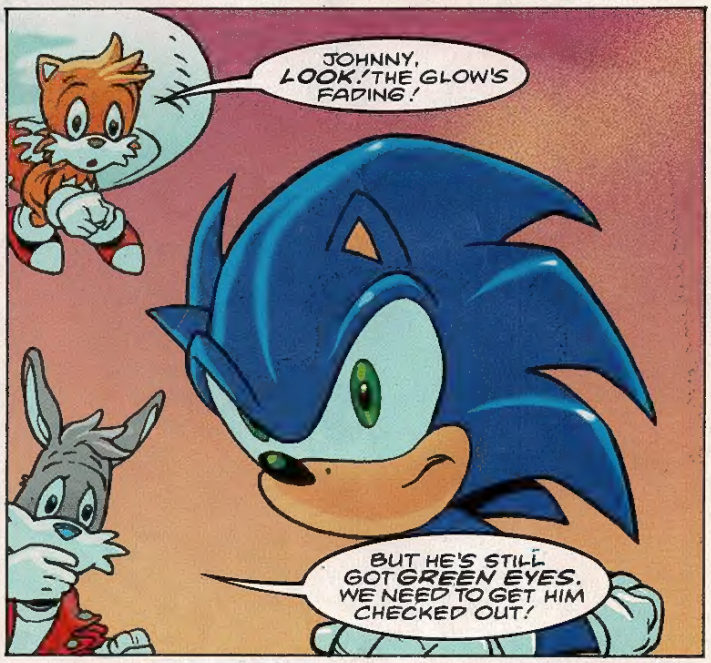

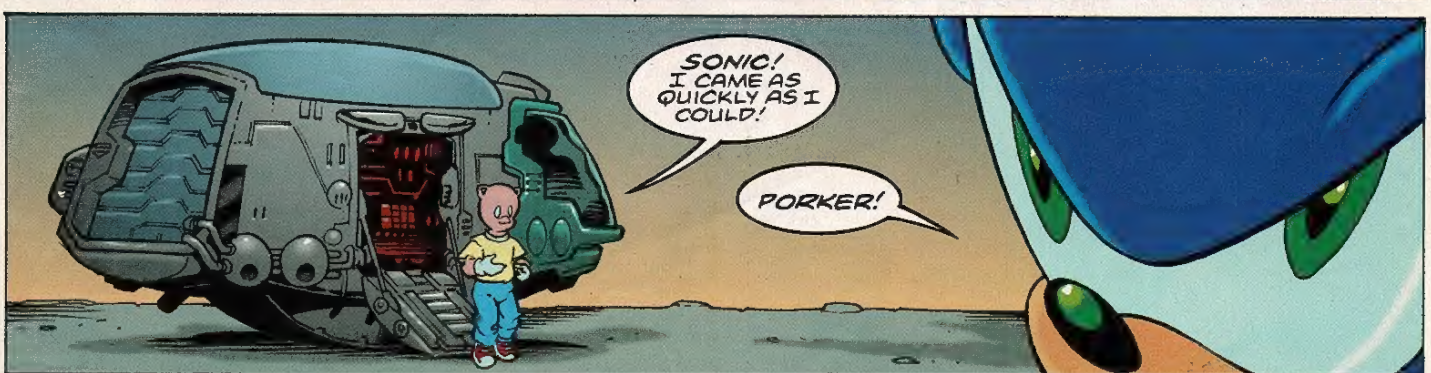

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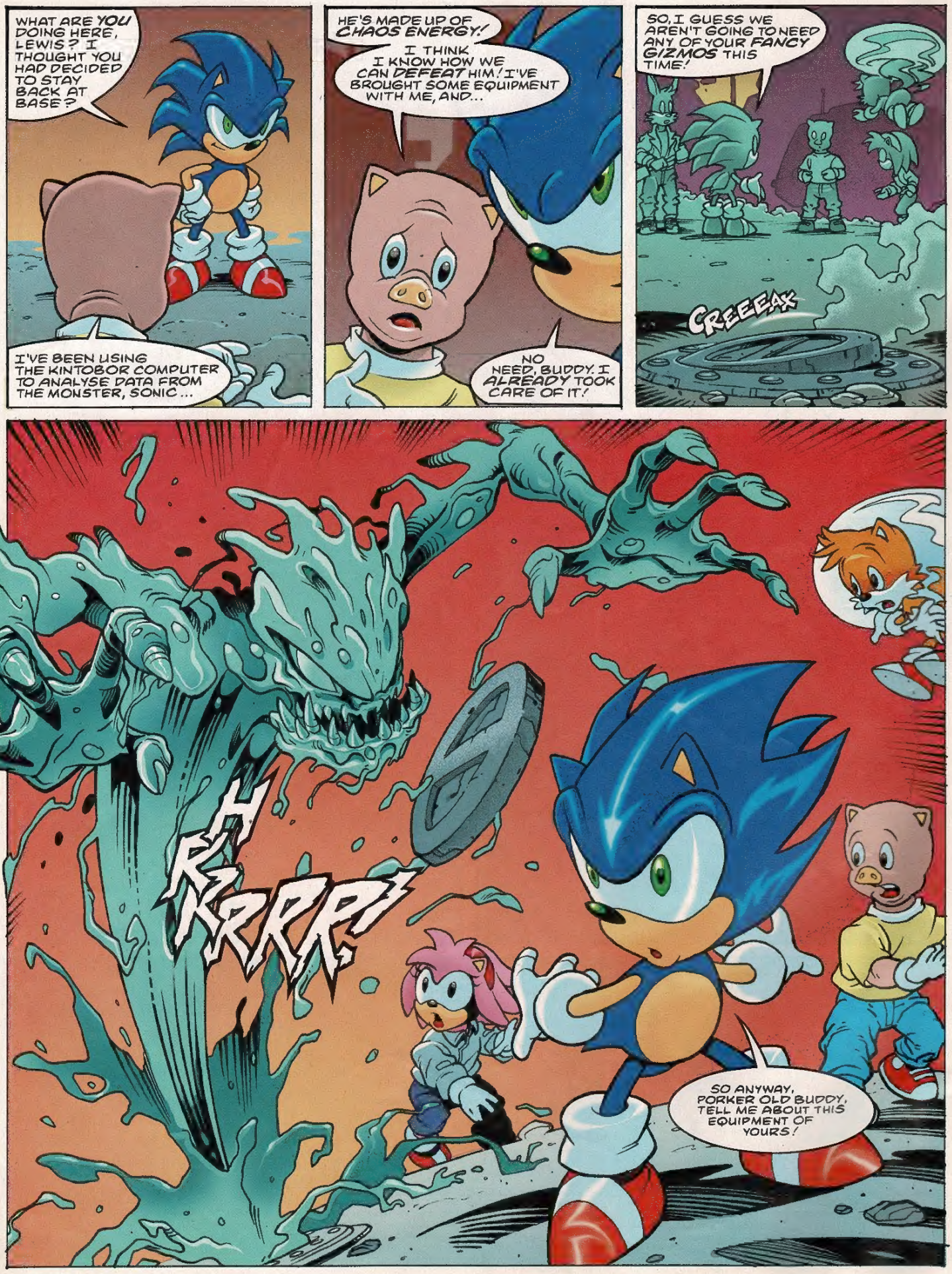
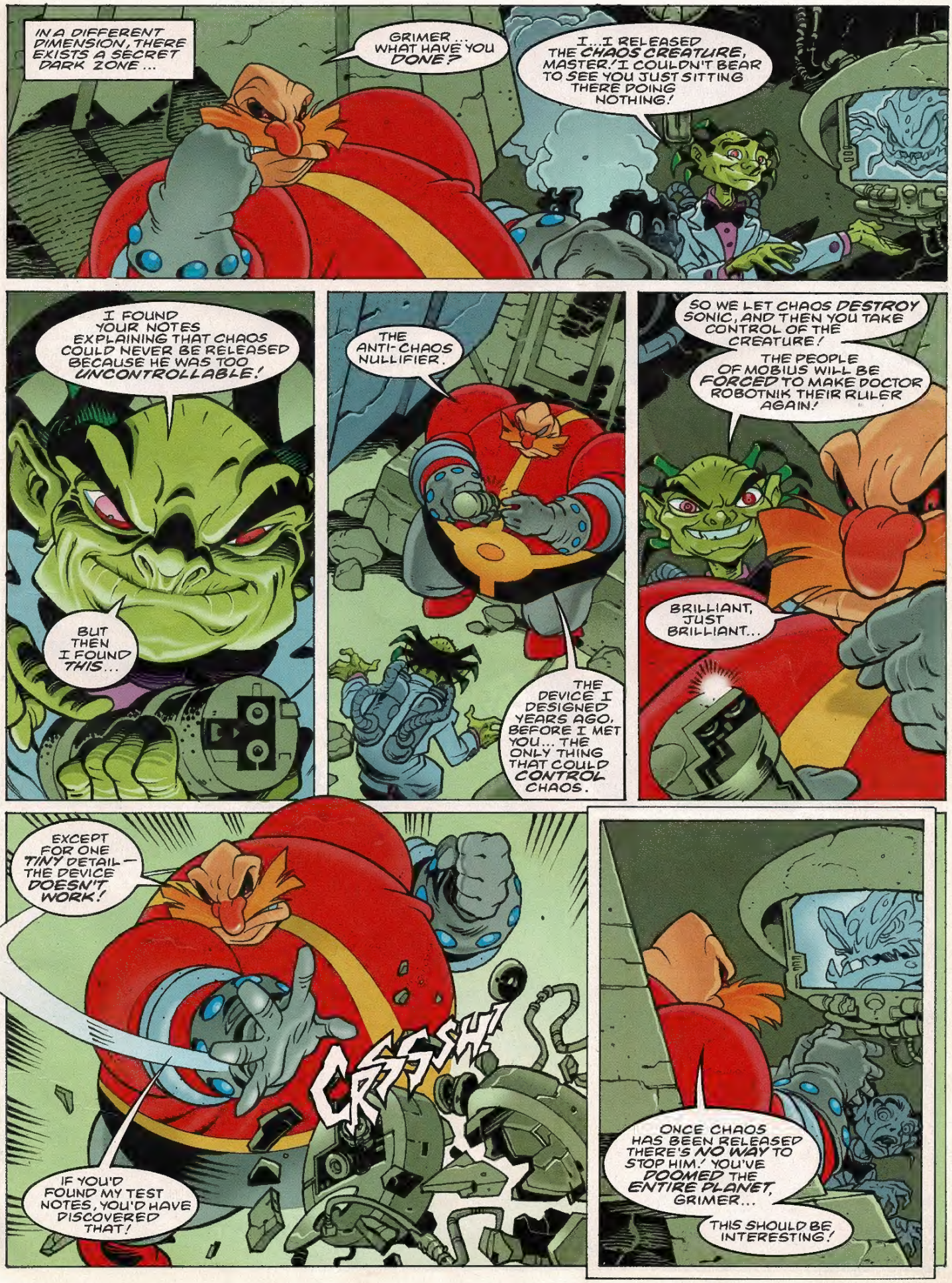
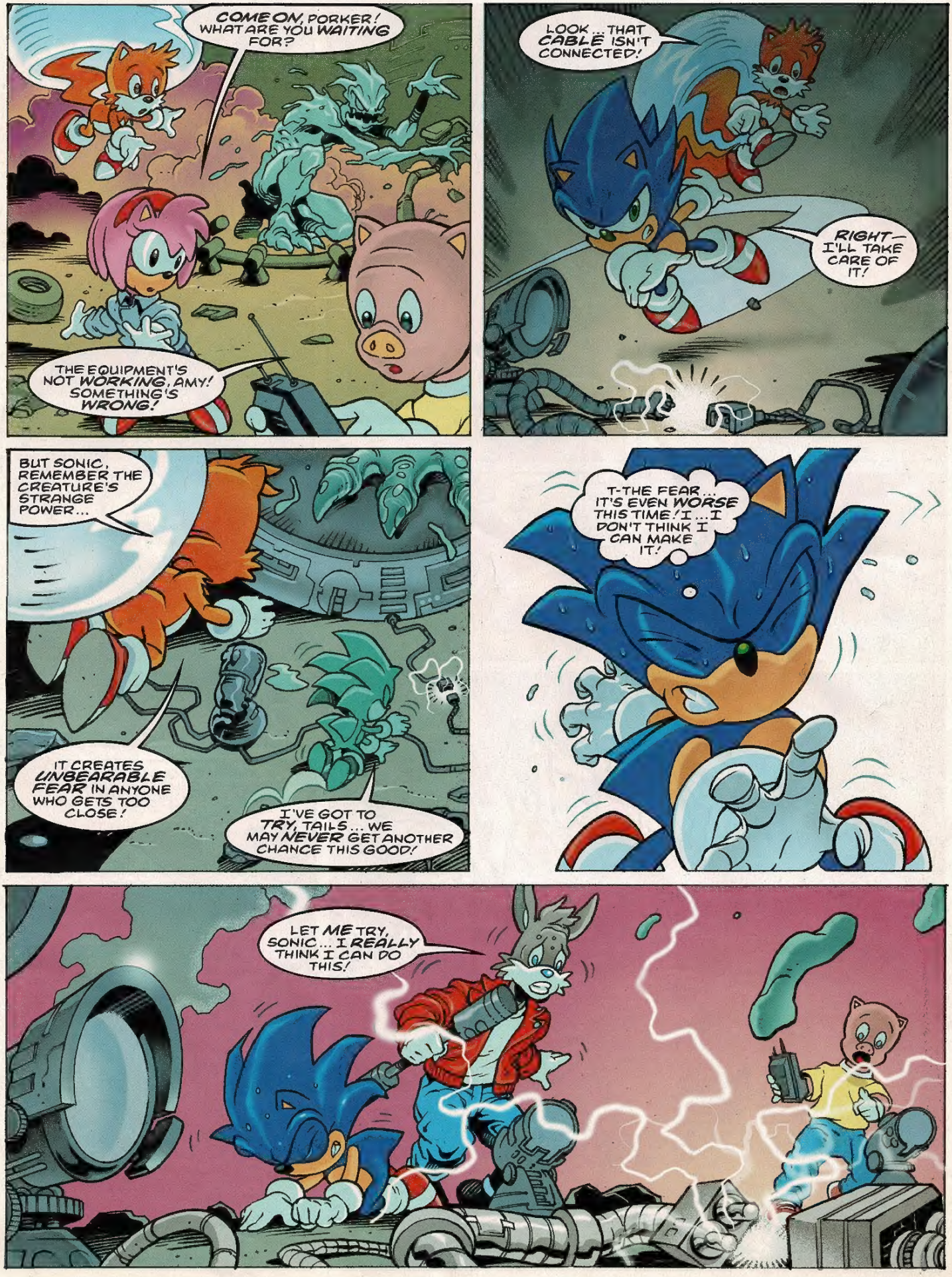
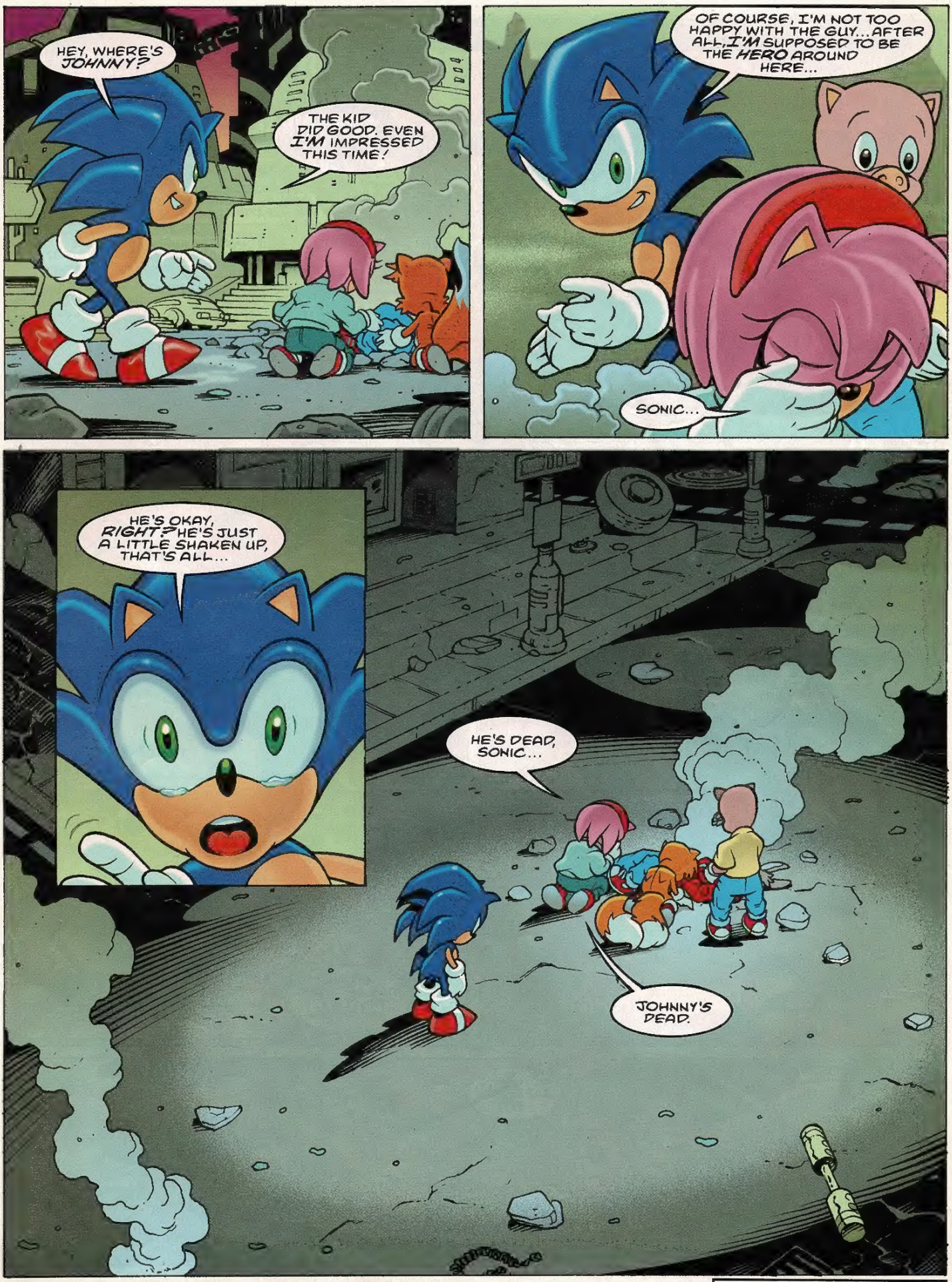

WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE, LEWIS? I THOUGHT YOU HAD DECIDED TO STAY BACK AT BASE?
I'VE BEEN USING THE KINTOBOR COMPUTER TO ANALYSE DATA FROM THE MONSTER, SONIC...
HE'S MADE UP OF CHAOS ENERGY!
I THINK I KNOW HOW WE CAN DEFEAT HIM! I'VE BROUGHT SOME EQUIPMENT WITH ME, AND...
NO NEED, BUDDY. I ALREADY TOOK CARE OF IT!
SO, I GUESS WE AREN'T GOING TO NEED ANY OF YOUR FANCY GIZMOS THIS TIME!
CREEEAK
RRRRR!
SO ANYWAY, PORKER OLD BUDDY, TELL ME ABOUT THIS EQUIPMENT OF YOURS!


IN A DIFFERENT DIMENSION, THERE EXISTS A SECRET DARK ZONE...
GRIMER... WHAT HAVE YOU DONE?
I...I RELEASED THE CHAOS CREATURE, MASTER! I COULDN'T BEAR TO SEE YOU JUST SITTING THERE DOING NOTHING!
I FOUND YOUR NOTES EXPLAINING THAT CHAOS COULD NEVER BE RELEASED BECAUSE HE WAS TOO UNCONTROLLABLE!
BUT THEN I FOUND THIS...
THE ANTI-CHAOS NULLIFIER.
THE DEVICE I DESIGNED YEARS AGO, BEFORE I MET YOU... THE ONLY THING THAT COULD CONTROL CHAOS.
SO WE LET CHAOS DESTROY SONIC, AND THEN YOU TAKE CONTROL OF THE CREATURE!
THE PEOPLE OF MOBIUS WILL BE FORCED TO MAKE DOCTOR ROBOTNIK THEIR RULER AGAIN!
BRILLIANT, JUST BRILLIANT...
EXCEPT FOR ONE TINY DETAIL — THE DEVICE DOESN'T WORK!
CRASH!
IF YOU'D FOUND MY TEST NOTES, YOU'D HAVE DISCOVERED THAT!
ONCE CHAOS HAS BEEN RELEASED THERE'S NO WAY TO STOP HIM! YOU'VE DOOMED THE ENTIRE PLANET, GRIMER...
THIS SHOULD BE INTERESTING!

ALL SET, SONIC... THE PROBLEM IS, WE NEED THE CREATURE TO STAND JUST THERE!
NO PROBLEM— LEAVE IT TO ME!
HIGHLY FLAMMABLE
A SUPER-SPEED SPIN SHOULD BE ENOUGH TO PICK UP THIS PETROL TANKER...
HRR?
BUH-WHOOM!
THAT GOT HIS ATTENTION!
GET READY, PORKER... HERE HE COMES!


COME ON, PORKER! WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR?
THE EQUIPMENT'S NOT WORKING, AMY! SOMETHING'S WRONG!
LOOK... THAT CABLE ISN'T CONNECTED!
RIGHT— I'LL TAKE CARE OF IT!
BUT SONIC, REMEMBER THE CREATURE'S STRANGE POWER...
IT CREATES UNBEARABLE FEAR IN ANYONE WHO GETS TOO CLOSE!
I'VE GOT TO TRY, TAILS... WE MAY NEVER GET ANOTHER CHANCE THIS GOOD!
T-THE FEAR... IT'S EVEN WORSE THIS TIME! I... I DON'T THINK I CAN MAKE IT!
LET ME TRY, SONIC... I REALLY THINK I CAN DO THIS!

HE DID IT!
OH N-NO—!
THWAK!
NOW, PORKER! WHATEVER IT IS THAT YOU'RE GOING TO DO, DO IT NOW!
FZZZAAAAAAAK!
I KNEW I COULD DO IT! I'VE BEEN STUDYING CHAOS ENERGY FOR MONTHS! ALL I HAD TO DO WAS...
EXPLANATIONS LATER, BUDDY! RIGHT NOW, THE IMPORTANT THING IS WE WON!


HEY, WHERE'S JOHNNY?
THE KID DID GOOD. EVEN I'M IMPRESSED THIS TIME!
OF COURSE, I'M NOT TOO HAPPY WITH THE GUY... AFTER ALL, I'M SUPPOSED TO BE THE HERO AROUND HERE...
SONIC...
HE'S OKAY, RIGHT? HE'S JUST A LITTLE SHAKEN UP, THAT'S ALL...
HE'S DEAD, SONIC...
JOHNNY'S DEAD.

KNUCKLES™ CARNIVAL NIGHT CONSPIRACY PART 5

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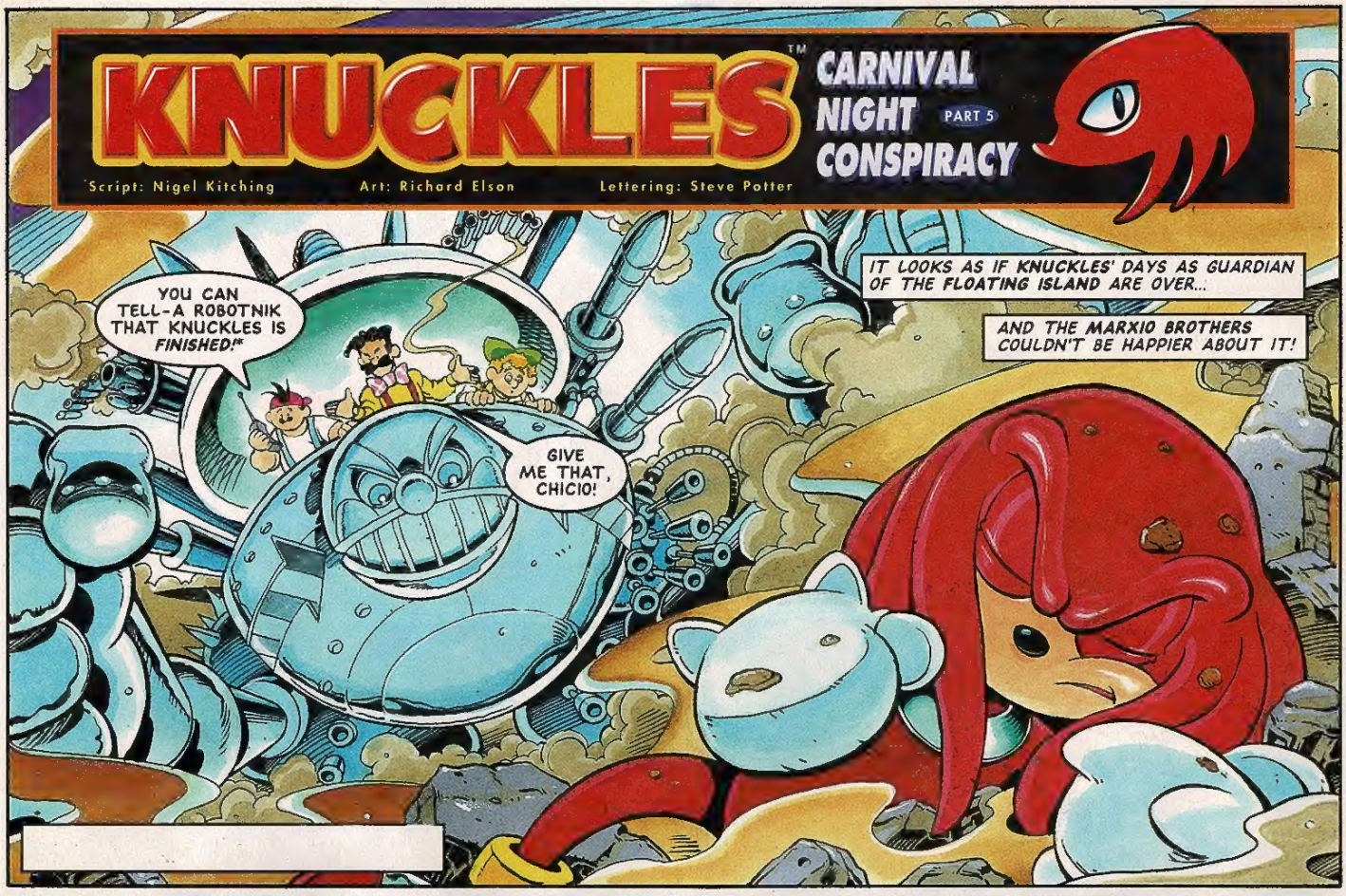
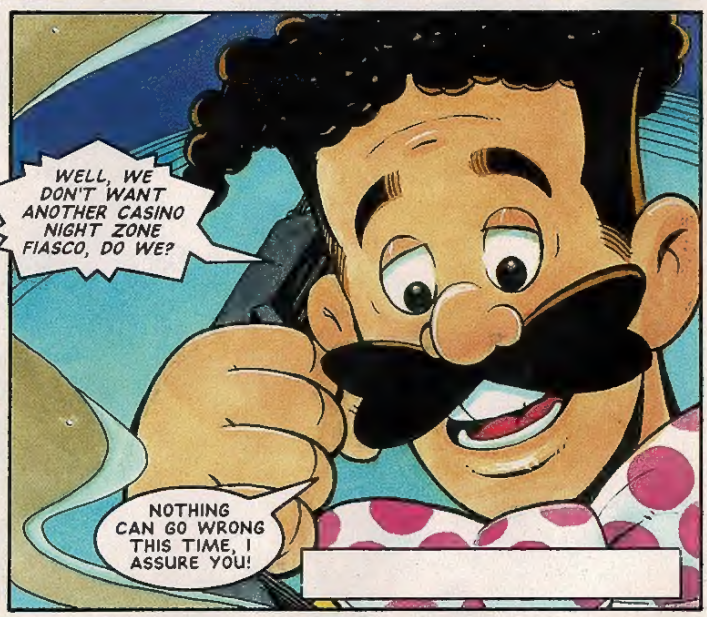

YOU CAN TELL-A ROBOTNIK THAT KNUCKLES IS FINISHED!*
GIVE ME THAT, CHICIO!
IT LOOKS AS IF KNUCKLES' DAYS AS GUARDIAN OF THE FLOATING ISLAND ARE OVER...
AND THE MARXIO BROTHERS COULDN'T BE HAPPIER ABOUT IT!

WE'RE EXPECTING THE FIRST VISITORS FROM MOBIUS ANY TIME NOW...
DOCTOR ROBOTNIK WILL EARN A FORTUNE FROM THE CARNIVAL NIGHT ZONE!



LOOK-A BOSS, THE FIRST-A GUESTS ARRIVE!
OH NO! WE MUST HURRY TO THE CARNIVAL NIGHT CONTROL ROOM AND ORGANISE THE OPENING DAY PARADE!
KNUCKLES WILL JUST HAVE TO WAIT!
SORRY BOYS, BUT I WAIT FOR NO-ONE!
FIRST I'LL TAKE CARE OF YOU CLOWNS! THEN I'M GOING TO TEAR DOWN THE CARNIVAL NIGHT ZONE!
SHOOT HIM!
FRSSSSH!
KROOOM!
DID WE HIT HIM ?

UNLUCKY, CREEPS!
QUICK CHICIO, OVER HERE!
KRASSH!
HEY! WE MUST-A GOT THE LITTLE PEST-A THIS TIME!
OKAY CHICIO, GET DOWN THERE, I WANT TO SEE...
WHAT'S THAT NOISE... CHICIO, I'VE WARNED YOU ABOUT YOUR DIET!
IT'S-A NOT ME
RMMMMBBLLLL!
TIME TO TASTE YOUR OWN MEDICINE, GUYS!
KRAAASH!

OH GREAT, THE CUSTOMERS ARE HERE AND WE'RE ABOUT TO TAKE ON A RAVING ECHIDNA!
HEY, DON-A WORRY BOSS. I ALREADY-A CALLED UP FOR REINFORCE-MENTS!
I DON'T BELIEVE IT... YOU DID SOMETHING RIGHT!
ZZZIP!
ZZZIP!
THESE BADNIKS WON'T HOLD ME FOR LONG!
WISHFUL THINKING, KETCHUP FACE!
HARPIO, GET BACK TO ORGANISING THE OPENING PARADE! CHICIO, WE HAVE GUESTS TO ATTEND TO!
PARP!
PARP!
WELCOME, ONE AND ALL TO THE MOST MAGNIFICENT MOBIUS ATTRACTION... THE FANTASTIC... CARNIVAL NIGHT ZONE!
SHUSH! YOU SHOULD HAVE GONE BEFORE WE LEFT HOME!

PRESENTING OUR FIRST EXHIBIT..
...THIS PERFORMANCE CELEBRATES THE VICTORY OF KNUCKLES OVER THE EVIL FORCES OF DOCTOR ROBOTNIK!
THIS WAY TO ADVENTURE IN THE CARNIVAL-NIGHT ZONE!
QUICK-A THINKING, BOSS!
SOME FOLK SAY ROBOTNIK IS STILL ON THE FLOATING ISLAND, REPAIRING HIS DEATH EGG!
DO THEY, INDEED!
ANYWAY... FOLLOW ME LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, FOR ADVENTURE BEYOND YOUR WILDEST DREAMS!
BOP!
BOOP!
BOP!
I'VE GOT TO FIND ANOTHER WAY TO BEAT THESE BADNIKS... AND FAST!
I CAN'T DESTROY THE ZONE WITH ALL THESE PEOPLE AROUND. SOMEBODY COULD GET HURT!
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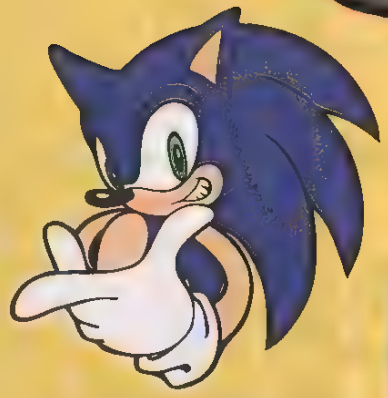

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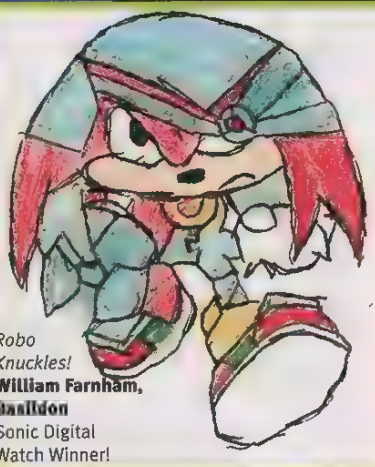

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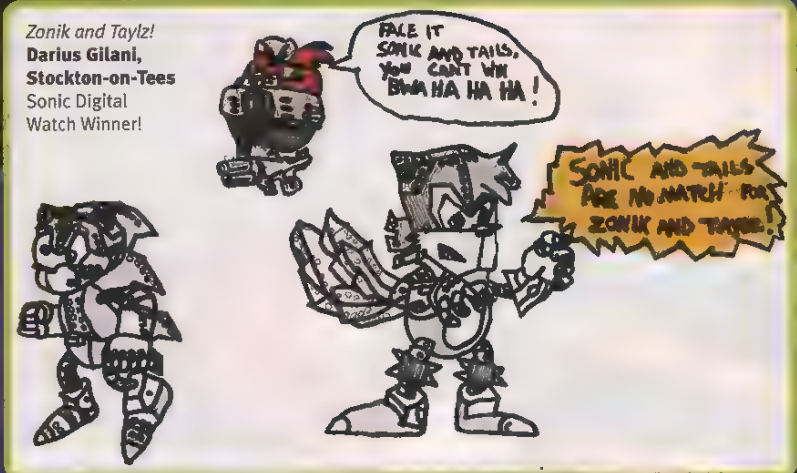

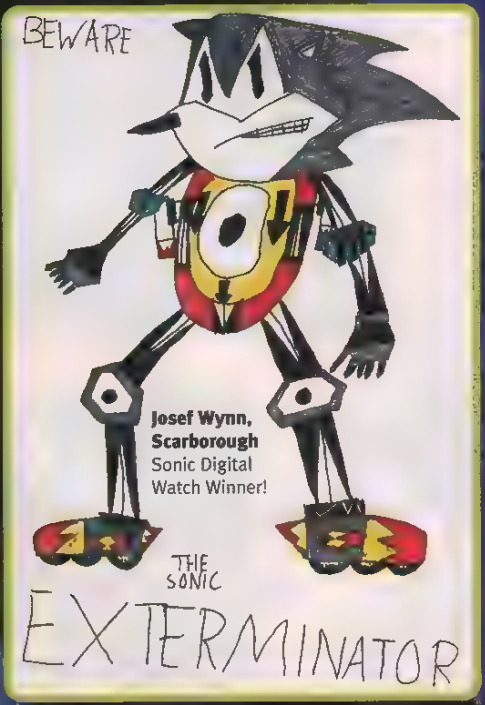

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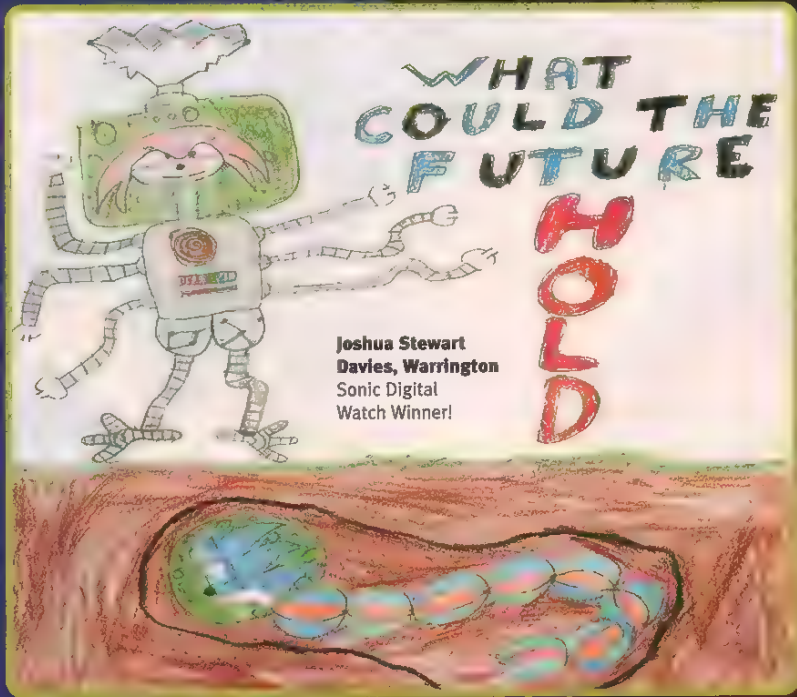

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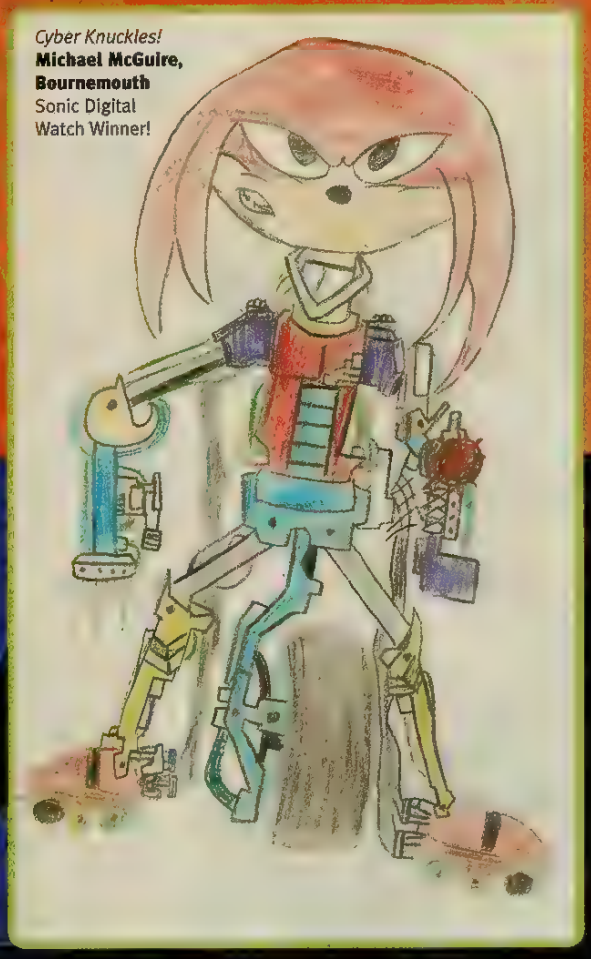

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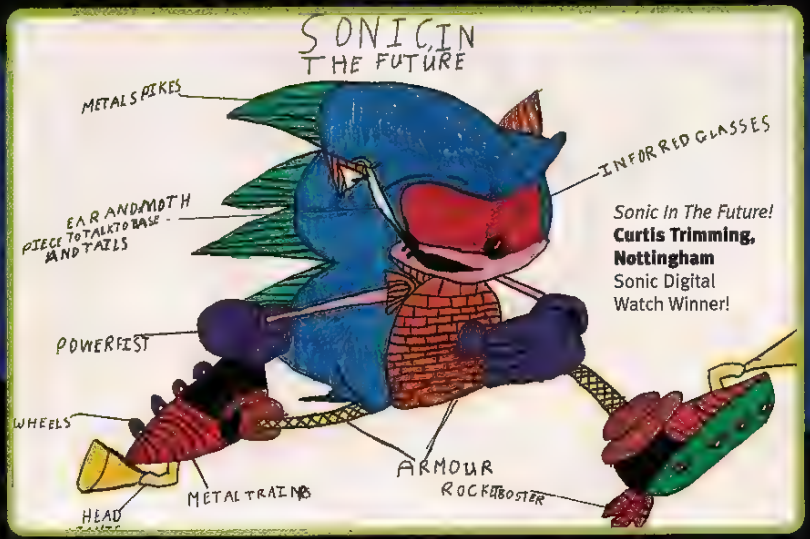

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I GET A FEELING I'M GOING TO REGRET THIS!
TAILS!
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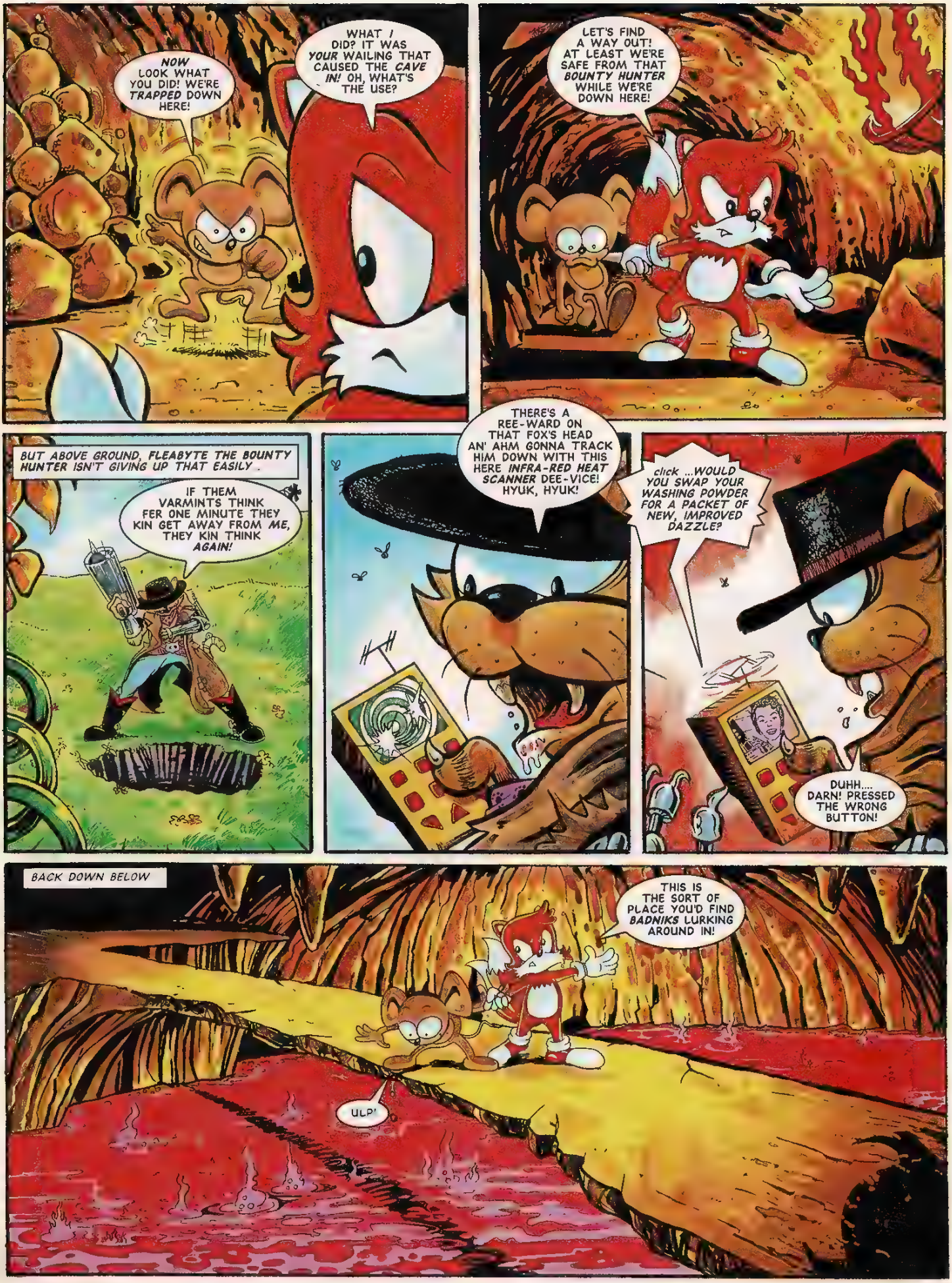
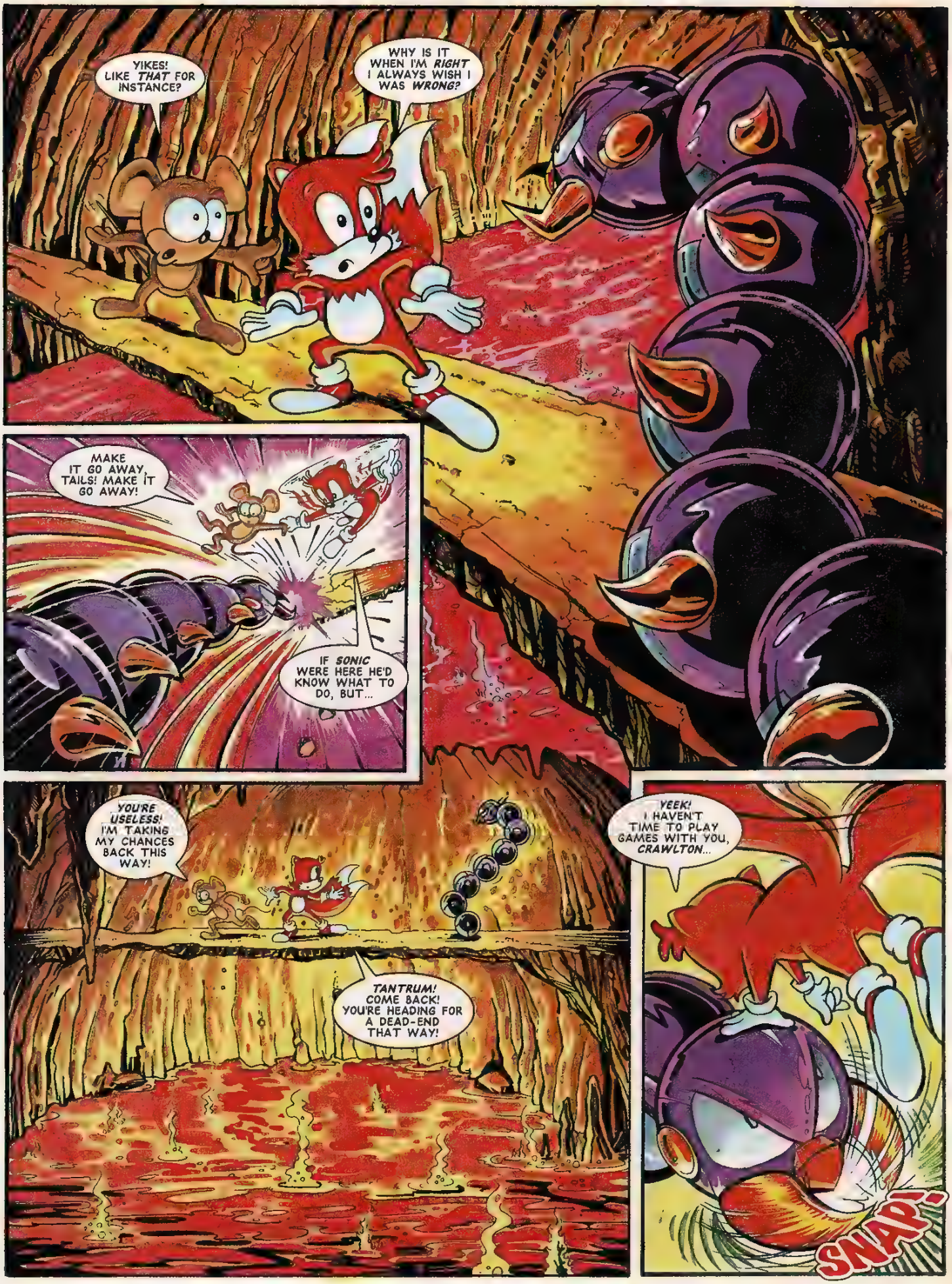
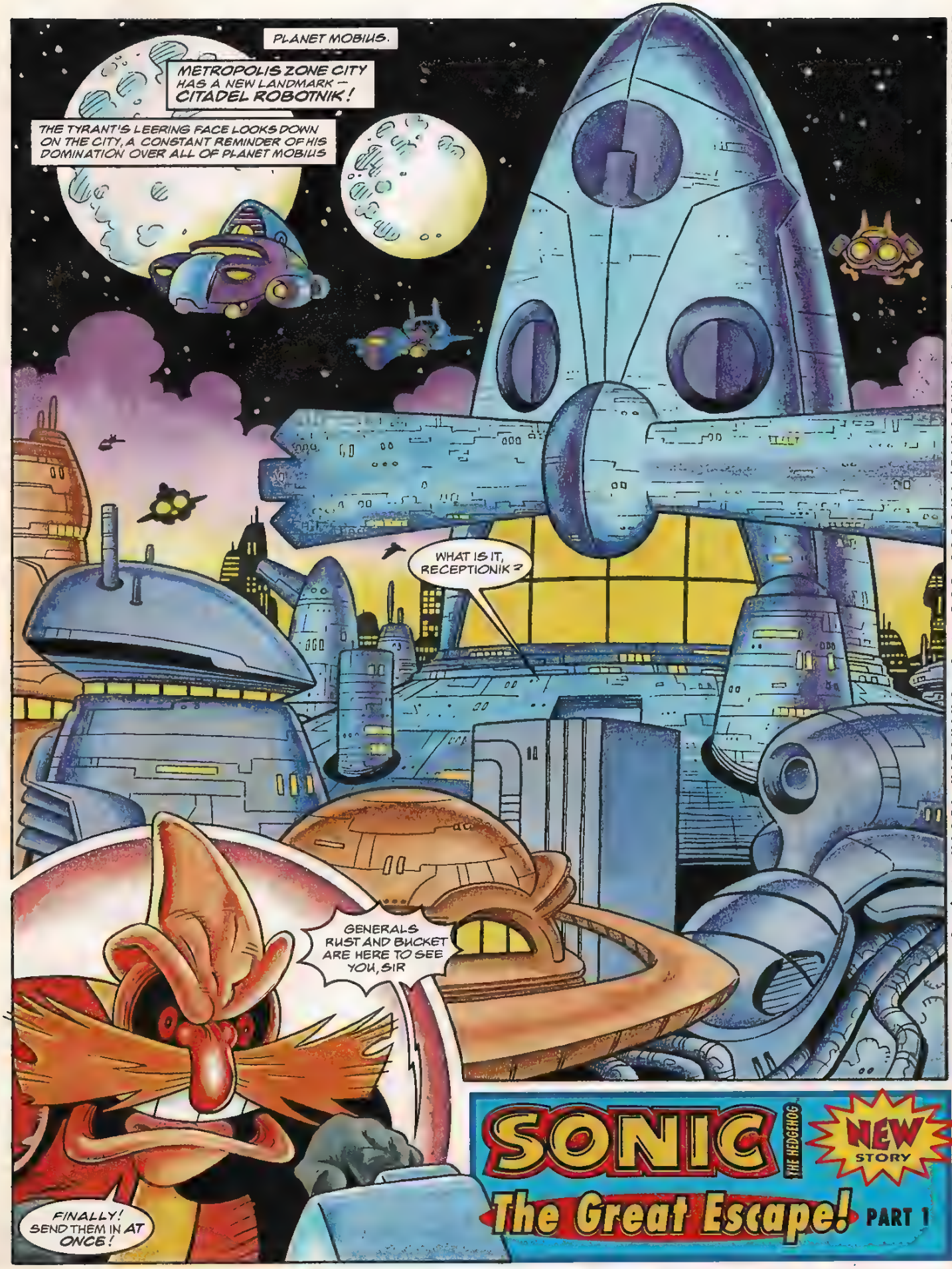
FOX ON THE RUN
Part 2
THERE YOU ARE, TANTRUM! ARE YOU ALRIGHT?
YES! NO THANKS TO YOU! I THOUGHT YOU WERE LOOKING AFTER ME!
I TRIED TO WARN YOU ABOUT THE POT-HOLES BUT...
DON'T WANNA HEAR NO EXCUSES! WANNA GO HOME! WAAAHHH!
RRUMMBLLE!
LOOK OUT!


NOW LOOK WHAT YOU DID! WE'RE TRAPPED DOWN HERE!
WHAT / DID? IT WAS YOUR WAILING THAT CAUSED THE CAVE IN! OH, WHAT'S THE USE?
LET'S FIND A WAY OUT! AT LEAST WE'RE SAFE FROM THAT BOUNTY HUNTER WHILE WE'RE DOWN HERE!
BUT ABOVE GROUND, FLEABYTE THE BOUNTY HUNTER ISN'T GIVING UP THAT EASILY.
IF THEM VARMINTS THINK FER ONE MINUTE THEY KIN GET AWAY FROM ME, THEY KIN THINK AGAIN!
THERE'S A REE-WARD ON THAT FOX'S HEAD AN' AHM GONNA TRACK HIM DOWN WITH THIS HERE INFRA-RED HEAT SCANNER DEE-VICE! HYUK, HYUK!
click ...WOULD YOU SWAP YOUR WASHING POWDER FOR A PACKET OF NEW, IMPROVED DAZZLE?
DUHH.... DARN! PRESSED THE WRONG BUTTON!
BACK DOWN BELOW
THIS IS THE SORT OF PLACE YOU'D FIND BADNIKS LURKING AROUND IN!
ULP!


YIKES! LIKE *THAT* FOR INSTANCE?
WHY IS IT WHEN I'M *RIGHT* I ALWAYS WISH I WAS *WRONG?*
MAKE IT GO AWAY, TAILS! MAKE IT GO AWAY!
IF *SONIC* WERE HERE HE'D KNOW WHAT TO DO, BUT...
YOU'RE USELESS! I'M TAKING MY CHANCES BACK THIS WAY!
TANTRUM! COME BACK! YOU'RE HEADING FOR A DEAD-END THAT WAY!
YEEK! I HAVEN'T TIME TO PLAY GAMES WITH YOU, *CRAWLTON...*
SNAP!

I MAY NOT BE AS COOL AS SONIC ...OR ABLE TO SUPER SPIN ATTACK.
GRRRRR!
BUT I CAN DEAL WITH YOU MY OWN WAY!
GRRR-- UHH?
GUESS YOU'RE TOO TIED UP TO BOTHER ME NOW, EH?
UUAAHHHH.
GULP! TOO LATE TO WISH YOU HAPPY LANDINGS!
KRAZZZZ
TAILS! HEEELLP!
DON'T TELL ME THAT MOUSE IS IN TROUBLE AGAIN!

THE BRIDGE COLLAPSED! SAVE ME, TAILS!
YOU'RE ASKING ME FOR HELP? DIDN'T YOU JUST CALL ME USELESS?
WAAAHHH!
OKAY! OKAY!
HURRY, FLY US TO SAFETY! I DON'T LIKE HEIGHTS!
GASP! STOP STRUGGLING! I'M GETTING TIRED! I. I DON'T KNOW IF I CAN FLY FOR... MUCH LONGER..
IT'S NO GOOD... HEAT MAKING ME DIZZY... YIIIKEE!
I WAS RIGHT! YOU ARE USELESS!
NEXT ISSUE: TIME FOR A HOT BATH?


PLANET MOBIUS.
METROPOLIS ZONE CITY HAS A NEW LANDMARK — CITADEL ROBOTNIK!
THE TYRANT'S LEERING FACE LOOKS DOWN ON THE CITY, A CONSTANT REMINDER OF HIS DOMINATION OVER ALL OF PLANET MOBIUS
WHAT IS IT, RECEPTIONIK?
GENERALS RUST AND BUCKET ARE HERE TO SEE YOU, SIR
FINALLY! SEND THEM IN AT ONCE!
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The Great Escape! PART 1

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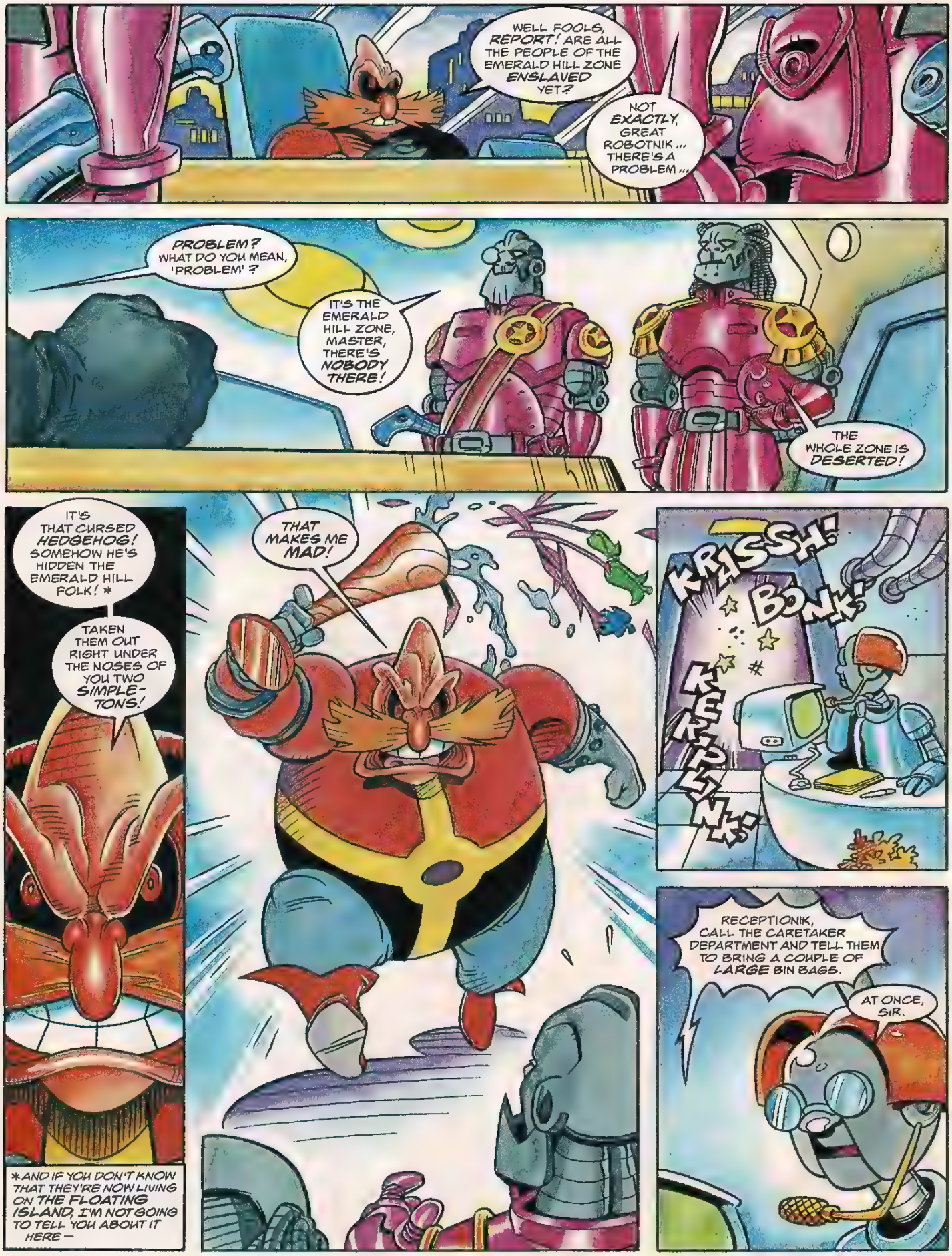
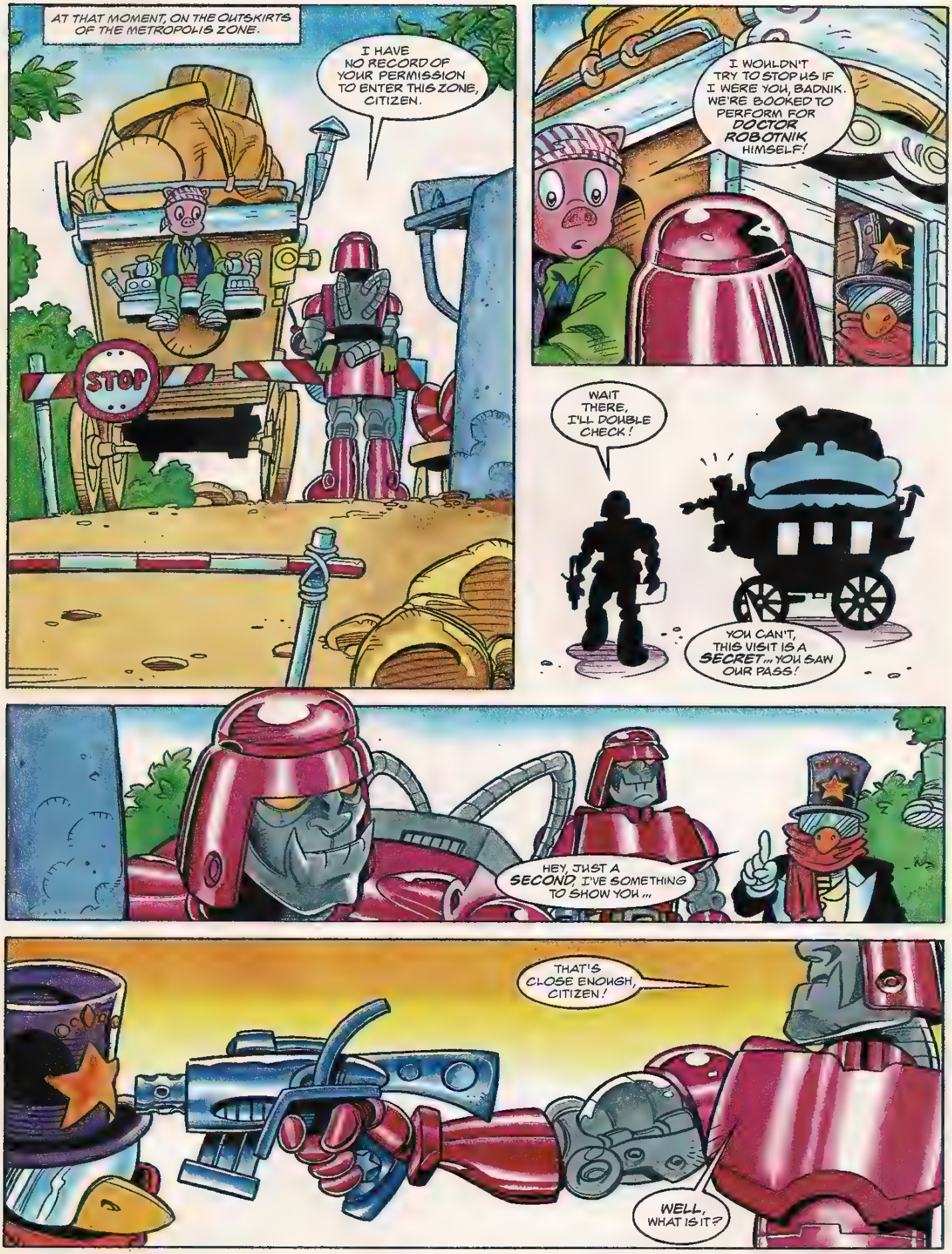
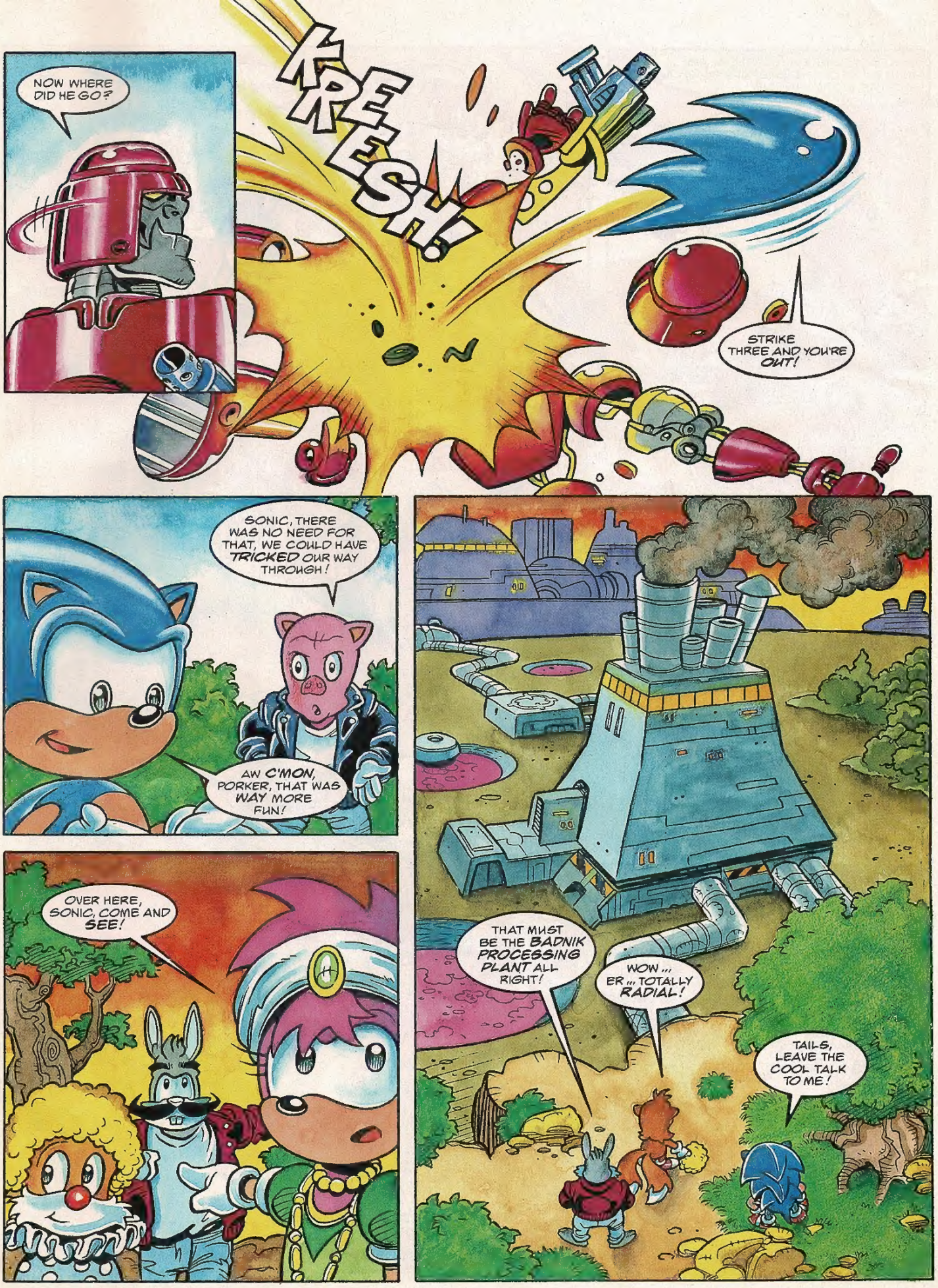
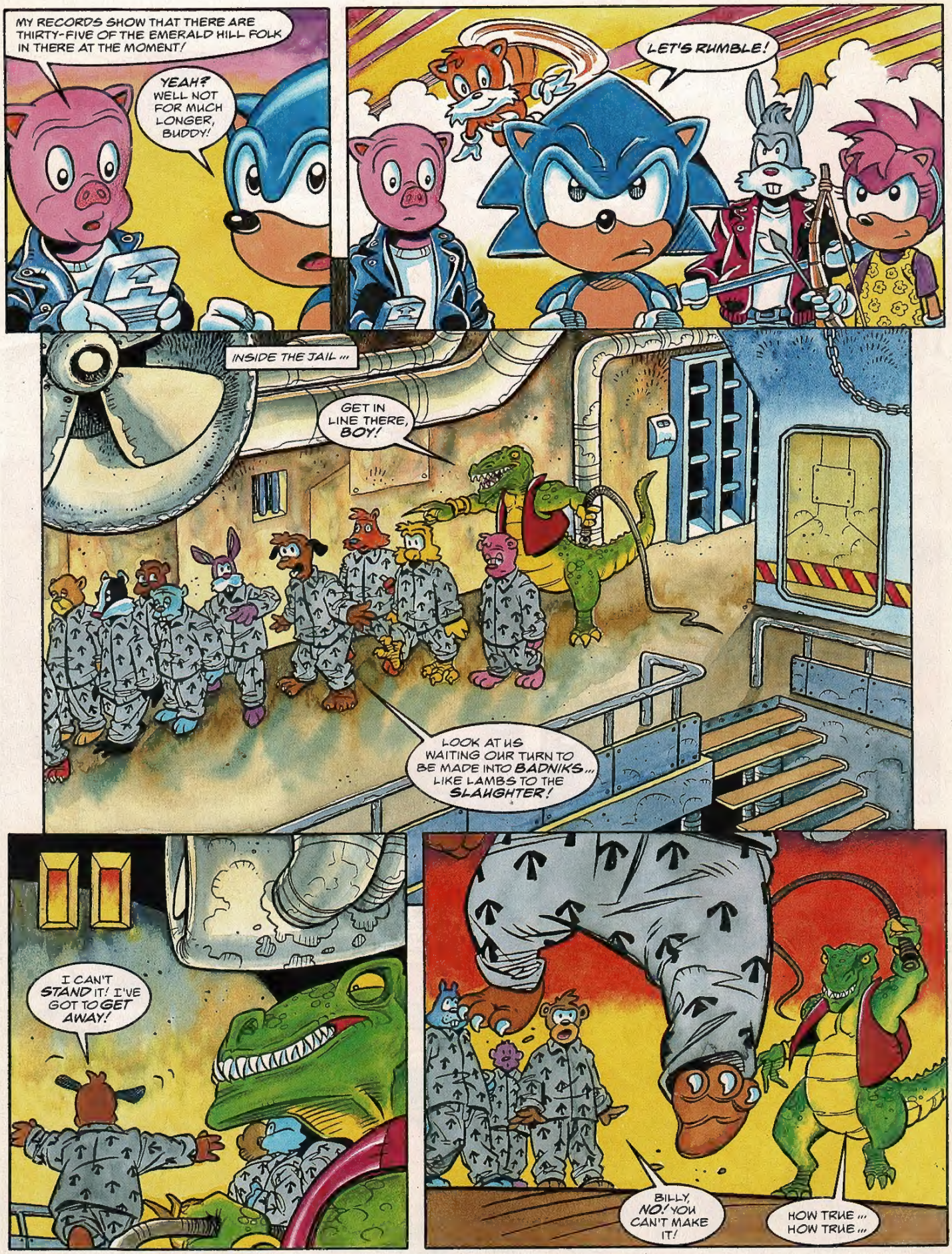
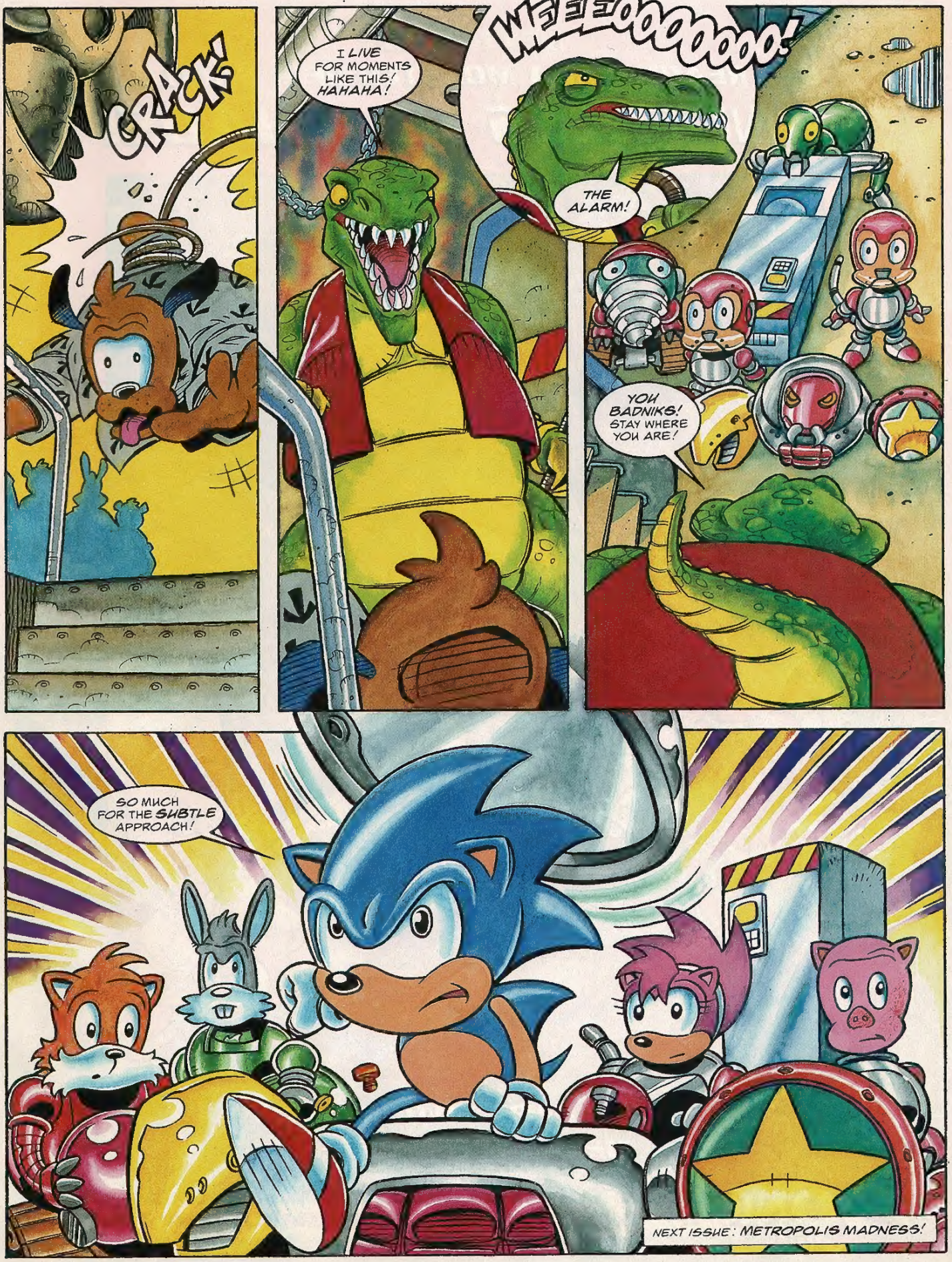

WELL FOOLS, REPORT! ARE ALL THE PEOPLE OF THE EMERALD HILL ZONE ENSLAVED YET?
NOT EXACTLY, GREAT ROBOTNIK ... THERE'S A PROBLEM ...
PROBLEM? WHAT DO YOU MEAN, 'PROBLEM'?
IT'S THE EMERALD HILL ZONE, MASTER, THERE'S NOBODY THERE!
THE WHOLE ZONE IS DESERTED!
IT'S THAT CURSED HEDGEHOG! SOMEHOW HE'S HIDDEN THE EMERALD HILL FOLK! *
TAKEN THEM OUT RIGHT UNDER THE NOSES OF YOU TWO SIMPLE-TONS!
* AND IF YOU DON'T KNOW THAT THEY'RE NOW LIVING ON THE FLOATING ISLAND, I'M NOT GOING TO TELL YOU ABOUT IT HERE —
THAT MAKES ME MAD!
KRASSH!
BONK!
KERPLUNK!
RECEPTIONIK, CALL THE CARETAKER DEPARTMENT AND TELL THEM TO BRING A COUPLE OF LARGE BIN BAGS.
AT ONCE, SIR.


AT THAT MOMENT, ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF THE METROPOLIS ZONE.
I HAVE NO RECORD OF YOUR PERMISSION TO ENTER THIS ZONE, CITIZEN.
STOP
I WOULDN'T TRY TO STOP US IF I WERE YOU, BADNIK. WE'RE BOOKED TO PERFORM FOR DOCTOR ROBOTNIK HIMSELF!
WAIT THERE, I'LL DOUBLE CHECK!
YOU CAN'T, THIS VISIT IS A SECRET... YOU SAW OUR PASS!
HEY, JUST A SECOND, I'VE SOMETHING TO SHOW YOU...
THAT'S CLOSE ENOUGH, CITIZEN!
WELL, WHAT IS IT?

HUH, WHAT HAPPENED?
I HAPPENED, CREEP!
IT'S SONIC THE HEDGEHOG!
SKRANGG!
SPIN ATTACK!
LOOK, GUYS, I'M IN A GOOD MOOD SO I'LL GIVE YOU ONE CLEAR SHOT AT ME, OKAY?
DON'T...
GETS 'EM EVERY TIME!
KRAZZAK!
OOPS...


NOW WHERE DID HE GO?
KRESH!
STRIKE THREE AND YOU'RE OUT!
SONIC, THERE WAS NO NEED FOR THAT, WE COULD HAVE TRICKED OUR WAY THROUGH!
AW C'MON, PORKER, THAT WAS WAY MORE FUN!
OVER HERE, SONIC, COME AND SEE!
THAT MUST BE THE BADNIK PROCESSING PLANT ALL RIGHT!
WOW ... ER ... TOTALLY RADIAL!
TAILS, LEAVE THE COOL TALK TO ME!


MY RECORDS SHOW THAT THERE ARE THIRTY-FIVE OF THE EMERALD HILL FOLK IN THERE AT THE MOMENT!
YEAH? WELL NOT FOR MUCH LONGER, BUDDY!
LET'S RUMBLE!
INSIDE THE JAIL ...
GET IN LINE THERE, BOY!
LOOK AT US WAITING OUR TURN TO BE MADE INTO BADNIKS... LIKE LAMBS TO THE SLAUGHTER!
I CAN'T STAND IT! I'VE GOT TO GET AWAY!
BILLY, NO! YOU CAN'T MAKE IT!
HOW TRUE ... HOW TRUE ...


CRACK!
I LIVE FOR MOMENTS LIKE THIS! HAHAHA!
WEEEOOOOOOO!
THE ALARM!
YOU BADNIKS! STAY WHERE YOU ARE!
SO MUCH FOR THE SUBTLE APPROACH!
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KNUCKLES VS. CHAOS!

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